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Academic team hustles its way to the top

By Tiffany Flowers
Copy Editor

It's been five years since the academic team has triumphed past round two in the Brain Game. Can they do it this year?

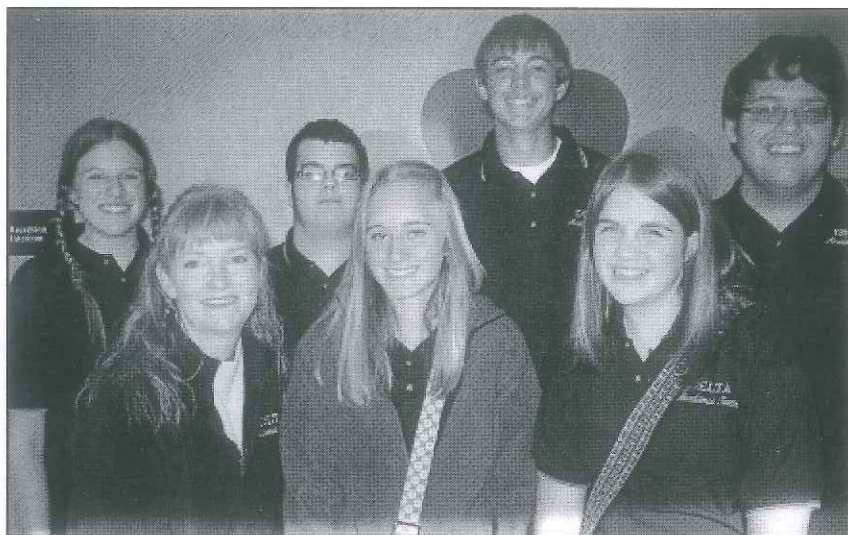
Winning round one was team captain Jacob Henry, Alice Grasso, Kade Zvokel and Leah Williams. They're ready for another win. Alternates Jacob Cooper and Kaitlyn Rawls will be going as well.

Brain Game is a competition with 48 schools from across Indiana competing on a televised broadcast. They answer questions on a broad range of topics spanning from geography to spelling. As teams of four they answer questions in a buzzer format much like Jeopardy.

This year the academic team is led by the returning coaches Mrs. Dawn Raleigh and Mrs. Angie Goodman. The team itself has no practices and relies solely on self-motivation. It helps that each player contributes his or her strengths to the team. Henry is good in English literature, life sciences, math and pop culture. Grasso is best at spelling and chemistry. Williams does well with random knowledge. Zvokel is strong in sports based questions.

For round one the studying paid off. With an ending score of 13-12 against Center Grove,

Ready for Round 2



Back Row: Kaitlyn Rawls, Jacob Cooper, Kade Zvokel, Jacob Henry.
Front Row: Mrs. Dawn Raleigh, Alice Grasso, Leah Williams

the whole round turned out to be a close match. Compared to Center Grove, a school with over 2,000 enrolled, our student body of 882 is quite small. That's why the win is so tremendous. The winning point was scored by Grasso at the last second. Her question, "What is the oxidation number of a free element?" was answered zero. "I was excited that I helped the team move on,"

anything. For round one Mrs. Raleigh said, "The questions focused heavily on science this year." In addition, questions

include a mix of geography, spelling and sports with a bit a current events thrown in there.

Round two of the five-round series is scheduled for Feb. 2 against Fishers. The same team of four with its two alternates will be taken. It has seemed that every year Fishers has always been a rival against Delta for Brain Game. "Beating Fishers would be like beating

(Fort Wayne) Dwenger in football," Henry said.

With the whole school behind them the academic team advances to round two. If they continue to advance just a fourth through tenth finish could get them \$1,000 toward the school's general academic fund. A first-place finish could get them \$6,000; a second-place finish is worth \$4,000 and third is worth \$3,000. Winning round one was only the first step. Round two awaits.

Brain Game

1. **Jacob Henry***
Senior
2. **Alice Grasso***
Senior
3. **Kade Zvokel**
Junior
4. **Leah Williams**
Sophomore
- Alternates
5. **Jacob Cooper**
Sophomore
6. **Kaitlyn Rawls**
Freshman

*Denotes captain

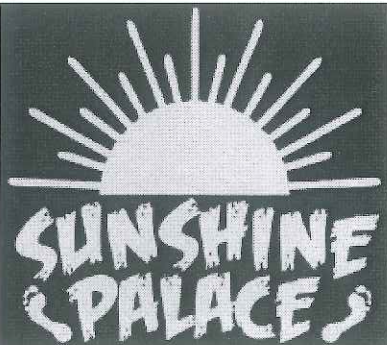
Grasso said. All in all, each player contributed an equal amount of points.

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The Mark of an Eagle

Several Delta students achieve rank of top 2 percent of Scouts

**By Maddie Borgmann
Editor-in-Chief**

What do the first man to walk on the moon, the 38th president of the United States, the mayor of New York City and several Delta students have in common? Simple, they're all Eagle Scouts.

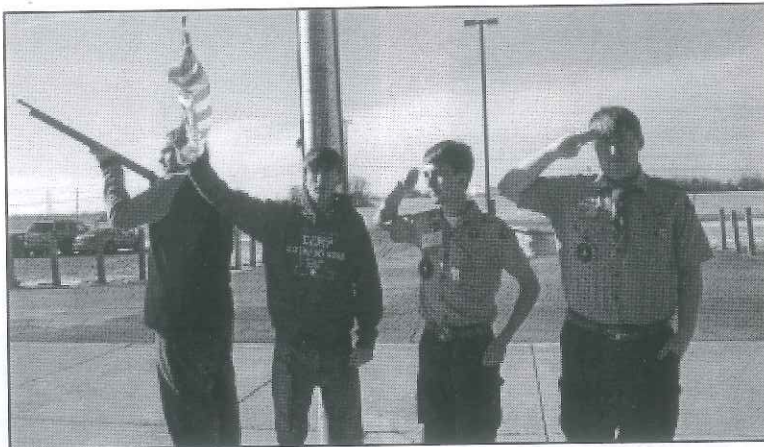
Every year around 50,000 young males are awarded the Eagle Scout rank. Tom Buis, Seth Myers, Cameron Dennis, Zane Naylor, Kevin Clements, Nick Bacon, Taylor Davis, Alex Minch, Nick Palumbo and Cody Dyke are just some of the Scouts at Delta who are striving to become or already own the rank of an Eagle Scout.

For many, the rank of Eagle Scout is more than just a pay grade or a fancy medal; it's the product of all their hard work and the honor of knowing they are one of only two percent of Scouts that become Eagle Scouts.

To become an Eagle Scout, one first must earn a total of 21 Merit Badges. To demonstrate Scout spirit, service and leadership, one must complete an extensive service project, which they plan, organize, manage and lead.

Junior Cameron Dennis took his Eagle Scout project as an opportunity to give back to his long-time elementary school. Dennis relocated playground equipment from DeSoto Elementary to DeSoto Park.

"It was a project that took over 35 volunteers and 500 hours,"



Juniors Kevin Clements, Seth Myers, Cameron Dennis and Zane Naylor exemplify some Scouting qualities.

It's a way for kids and adolescents to develop into quality individuals.

Dennis said.

For senior Nick Bacon, joining Boy Scouts began as just a way to hang out with friends and even go on a camping trip to Virginia, but it soon grew into the most important extracurricular in his life.

"I enjoy working with kids and helping to develop them into leaders. It was a way for me to give back," Bacon said.

Bacon intends to serve his country in the U.S. Marine Corps after he graduates from high school. By having the rank of Eagle Scout, Bacon will automatically get a pay raise, a higher rank and a designation as a leader.

"Being an Eagle Scout has taught me time management skills and to work hard at whatever you do," he said.

Sophomore Tom Buis believes one of the most important lessons he has learned is to persevere.

"Many kids look at a hard situation and automatically give up, but Scouts has taught me that no matter the challenge, you have to just stick with it," Buis said.

Scouts is more than just an outdoorsy extra curricular for many.

"The things I have learned in Scouting have shaped who I am today, and who I will be in the future," Dennis said.

Scouting is a program that allows one to mentor younger boys, help the community, and have fun at the same time. Junior Zane Naylor has worked the last three years for National Youth Leadership Training.

"Scouting draws out numerous boys who need guidance. Through NYLT they can learn trustworthiness, loyalty, kindness, thriftiness and many other qualities to develop into a youth leader," Naylor said.

No matter why they got involved in Scouting, having the rank of an Eagle Scout is an honor that all Scouts strive for but only the strong few actually make a reality.

"Being an Eagle Scout means that I now have the mark of an eagle on my chest till the day I die. It is something that not very many people can achieve. Even the current president of the United States cannot say he is an Eagle Scout," Clements said.

He is just one of several students who can say he has a closer bond to Neil Armstrong, Gerald Ford or Michael Bloomberg. The rank of an Eagle Scout will bind them till the end of their lives.

Kevin Clements
Junior

Years Involved in Scouts: 9 years

Projects done in Scouts: For my Eagle Scout project I "re-beautified" my church

Why did you get involved in

Scouts: In the first grade, I saw a lot of kids wearing the Scout uniforms and I knew it was something I wanted to be a part of.

You're stranded on a deserted island and can only bring one item. What would you bring?: A water purifier. It pretty much explains itself.



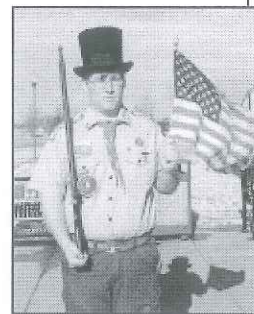
Zane Naylor
Junior

Years involved in Scouts: 10

What does being an Eagle Scout mean to you: It's something that people who aren't Scouts can see and recognize all my hard work. It's the one thing I can do as an 18-year-old that will be remembered for the rest of my life.

You're stranded on a deserted island and you can only bring one item.

What would you bring?: Another person. Some people mean a lot to me and I'd like to keep them around.



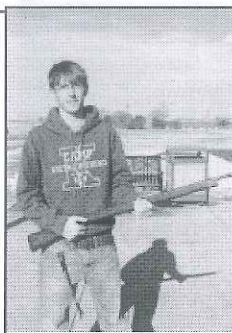
Seth Myers
Junior

Years involved in Scouts: 10

What does being an Eagle Scout mean to you: It's a culmination of many years of hard work. Being an Eagle Scout shows that you are dedicated and can stick with things.

Projects you've done in Scouts: For my Eagle Scout project, I painted basketball court markings on the Muncie Mission's parking lot. I also made a garden sitting area in the Mission's back corner.

You're stranded on a deserted island and you can only bring one item. What would you bring?: A hatchet with flint stored in the handle.



Cameron Dennis
Junior

Years involved in Scouts: 11

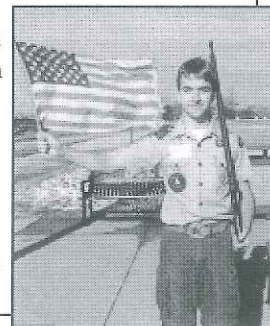
What do you believe is the most important lesson/value you've learned from Scouts:

The value and importance of hard work and working together to reach a goal. "Only by doing our best and working our hardest will we see the results we want in life."

You're stranded on a deserted island and you can only bring one item. What would you

bring?: Assuming I can't bring a boat, a plane, or any other ridiculous item, I would bring my flint and steel.

The steel is sharp enough to cut things for making a shelter and is a long-lasting source for fire. Fire is important for smoke signals, heat, and distilling water (if no source of fresh water can be found).



Tom Buis
Sophomore

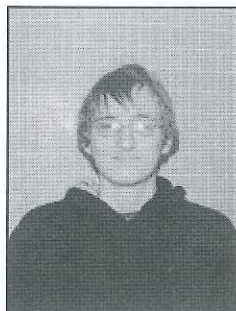
Years involved in Scouts: 9

Why did you stay involved in Scouts: To help others become better men. Goodness knows we could use some more of those.

Projects you've done in Scouts: For my Eagle Scout project I had to tear down and rebuild a wheelchair. I also helped to clean up our local parks.

You're stranded on a deserted island and can only bring one item.

What would you bring?: A rope. It can be used to build shelters and tie rafts together.



Nick Bacon Senior * Already Eagle Scout

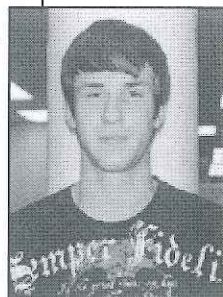
Years involved in Scouts: 5-6

Most important lesson learned in

Scouts: Don't be afraid to step up and be a leader.

Projects you've done in Scouts: Canned food drives and helped to rebuild the Muncie Mission

You're stranded on a deserted island and can only bring one item. What would you bring?: A knife; there's not much you can't do with a knife.



One Gym at a Time

Classes and teams
will share space
this spring

By Christi Dalton
Editor-In-Chief

Photo by Taylor Morris

The main gym and auxiliary gym will be shut down for a month and a half this spring. But during this construction, one gym will be open at all times.

These changes are happening because the school took advantage of low interest bonds to fund new heating and lighting systems.

The reason for closing the gyms, is because they are working on the ceiling. So if anything would happen to fall, then nobody would get hurt.

The auxiliary gym will be closed approximately for two weeks. It will be closed in for two weeks in early February.

The main gym will be closed after that. For a month and a half, and will most likely not re-open, in late April most likely.

All of these dates are not yet set in stone. No body really knows what will happen second semester. But by the end of first semester everything should be done.

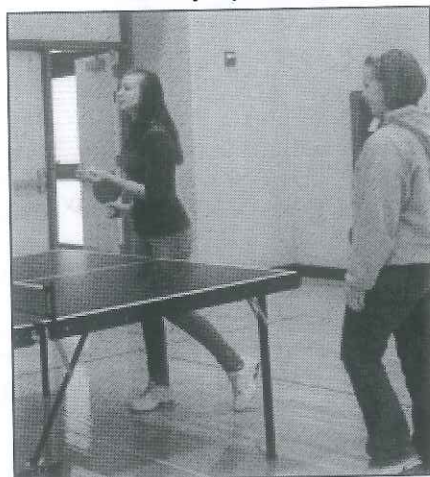
With all the physical education classes, sharing will be a big part of all of this.

"It is not that big of deal when you only have one gym class, but when you have two or three in there, it is very crowded," said Devine.

Also all of the sport teams will have to work around the changes in the gyms.

"We will do the best we can with space available," said Mr. Chris Conley, athletic director.

Space is going to be one of the biggest problems that DHS will encounter. The freshman triathlon will be affected.



Sophomores Courtney McWhirt and Ally Green play ping-pong in P.E. II.

Gym teacher Mr. David Reade said, "We are all going to need to be flexible and adjust to what will be going on."

In addition to the triathlon, there are the transition days that happen about a month before the big event. But there is also the P.E. II class, which plays games and other sporting activities during the hour.

Think of having to cram all of these things into either one big gym or into the small gym. The freshman gym class does not really use the auxiliary gym; they mainly use the main gym.

The problems that will be faced, is being able to do what is planned so far. The gym classes can not go outside and run or play a sport if it is raining. So everything will have to shift around.

They still will be able to swim and run, but it will not be like all of the other spring classes in

the past.

"I imagine that our teachers will find a way to make it happen," Conley said.

The freshman gym class does most of their stuff in the main gym, so having only one gym could be a problem. P.E. teacher Mr. Tom Devine is the freshman gym teacher, and these changes can really interrupt his class.

"I do not even know what the schedule is yet. If we do not have enough space, we may have to change the curriculum," said Devine.

DHS students are not the only ones that use the gym. The gym is also used for adults. So the P.E. classes will not be the only ones affected.

Also affected will be the adult fitness program, which is held after schools on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Community members are able to run around the school, play in both gyms, use the library to do their class work, and swim.

Just like the classes and teams, the adults also will have to adapt to only using one gym. But the pool and the rest of building should still be open.

With only a few openings available for the gym classes, a lot of adjusting is going to be needed.

DHS is improving for the better of the students. With the changes, it is heading towards a better future. A future that is full of

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changes, in many different ways.

300 Words

By Martin Gomez
Photographer

Youngwoo Han, the only South Korean at Delta, faces two choices after graduation: stay in the United States or go back to his hometown in Korea.

To keep his South Korean citizenship, Han must serve two long years in the South Korean army, according to the Mandatorian law. It is a civil law with basis in the constitution of the Republic of Korea.

Han wants to study biology or pre-med in college in the United States, and after that, go to serve in the South Korean army as a doctor soldier.

After that, he plans to come back to the United States.

"I will miss people that are just like my brothers," Han said.

Friend Tate Dishman, who Han likes to call "brother," has had many discussions to help Young to make his decision. "Without him here I would lose a really good friend," Dishman said.

Young and Tate became friends during the Delta tennis season four years ago.

If Young studies here he would have better possibilities with tennis. "I am planning to play college tennis," Han said. In South Korea, the universities don't offer sports.

His parents, Dong Gean Han and Mee Hyang Kim, and most of his family live in South Korea.

"All my family is over there; I miss my hometown," Han said.

Mr. Han is a professor at university and Mrs. Han is a housewife.

Han's parents want him to go back to

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Youngwoo Han

South Korea, but they know that it would be more beneficial for him to stay in the United States with his aunt and uncle. "He should stay in the United States with us and get his education before going back to South Korea," his uncle said.

On Nov. 24, 2010, North Korea bombed the South Korean island of Yeonpyeong. Tensions of the bombing are affecting many back in the United States, because of the alliance the United States has with South Korea.

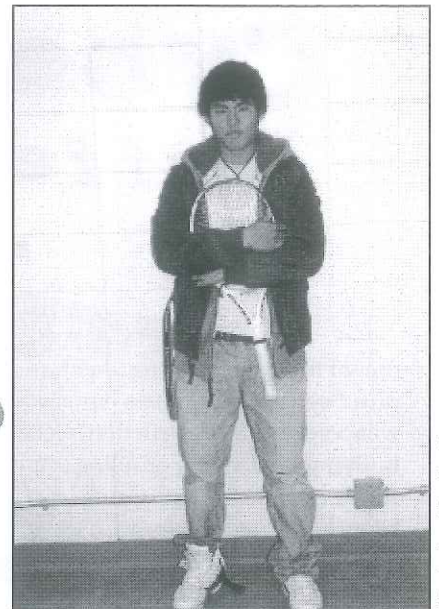



Photo by Martin Gomez

"It's horrible that something like this would happen," Han said. "I am afraid of a war and all my family back home in South Korea while I am in the United States."

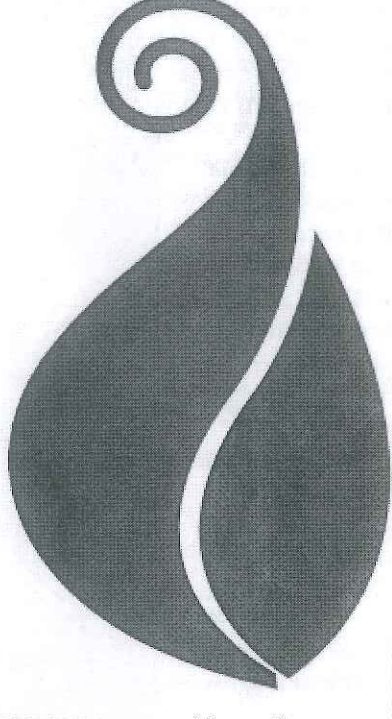
Youngwoo's family is about five hours by train from the bombing.

"I prefer the USA," he said, "because I will have more possibilities to get a decent job, sufficient money, and a brighter future overall and better opportunity for later in life."



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Cyber Bullying: Suffering in Silence

By Alex Sprong and Erica R. Jordan
Staff Writers

The technology that was meant to link people together has now been reversed into a dangerous weapon of mass destruction. Cyber bullying is a fiercely growing issue for victims that are suffering in silence.

Teens tend to share many aspects of their life on the Internet, but what they don't always think of is that they could be making themselves a primary target for cyber bullying.

Mrs. Amy Lewman, media specialist, and Ms. Joey Gossett, assistant principal, attended cyber bullying conferences at Kokomo City Hall and in Indianapolis with Hoosier Educators Computers Conference. Their goal was to sit in and learn about how to detect a cyber bully or a victim of cyber bullying.

"When you send something or post something it leaves a digital footprint," Mrs. Lewman said, nothing that once an item is posted, the comments are there forever.

Chat rooms and social networking sites like Facebook and MySpace, as well as broadcasting sites like YouTube, all have become tools where bullying is taking on a completely different dynamic.

Cyber bullying is when people either

anonymously or directly bully someone online or via text message by insulting, threatening, gossiping, revealing private information, making verbal assaults, displaying unwanted moments on videotape, or starting rumors, all by electronic transmission.

"Cyber bullying never goes away. Once it's there, it's there," Lewman said, noting that this can be a life-changing problem. When someone bullies

Signs that a Child Could Be a Cyber Bully:

1. Uses the computer at all hours of the night.
2. Quickly switches screens and/or closes windows when parents come by.
3. Seems unusually upset when they cannot use the computer.
4. Avoids discussions about what they are doing online.
5. Laughs excessively while using the computer.
6. Becomes irritable if they are questioned or interrupted in their computer time.

at school the victim can at least get away from it, but with cyber bullying the victim can never get away.

Well-publicized accounts of cyber bullying have included a boy at only age nine and a girl, Megan Meier.

Megan was cyber bullied by an adult, Lori Drew, who posed as a young man on the social

network site MySpace to torment Megan for "harassing" her daughter at school.

Mrs. Drew lured Megan in, pretending to be an attractive young



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boy her age who was home schooled. Later Mrs. Drew used the fake profile to bully Megan until she took her own life. Mrs. Drew was convicted in Los Angeles for conspiracy and unauthorized access to private computers.

In another case, a nine-year-old boy near Dallas, Texas, recently hanged himself in his school's bathroom. It is not known if he was a victim of bullying, though it is suspected.

Primary concerns for parents are being able to detect signs of cyber bullying. Often, researchers focus on the signs of the bullied child. This approach can actually make the situation worse and cause further harm to children.

Ms. Gossett said, "Administrators at Delta don't handle cyber bullying cases. It goes straight to the authorities."

It is illegal to threaten and harass people online, but most kids do not know that and are hesitant to tell their parents when they are being picked on. Children and teens all over the country have been the victims of cyber bullying and have felt helpless because of it. There have been too many young lives taken through this growing problem; the innocent victims of cyber bullying need someone to hear their cry for help.

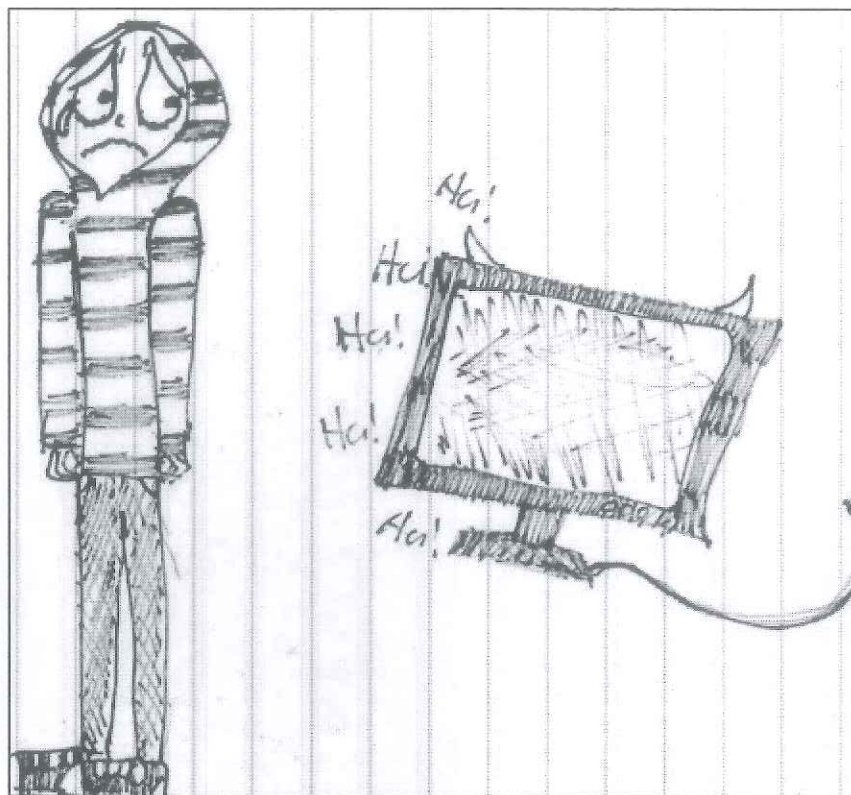


Illustration by Alex Sprong

Signs that a Child Is Being Cyber Bullied:

1. Unexpectedly or suddenly discontinues use of the computer.
2. Appears nervous, jumpy, anxious or scared when an instant message appears.
3. Discontinues interest in going to school, extra curricular and/or general outside activities.
4. Seems visibly angry, frustrated, depressed or sullen, after using the computer.
5. Becomes abnormally withdrawn and distant from family, friends, and favorites activities.
6. Experiences lack of appetite with food in general and specific favored foods.

CyberBullying Facts

-Facebook has over 500,000,000 active profiles, which makes it bigger than the population of the third-largest country in the world!

- "Traditional bullying usually takes place in lightly supervised location like school hallways and recess areas...cyberbullying takes place outside the field of awareness of many adults, whether it happens during school hours or afternoons and weekends." Emily Richmond, author of "Cyberbullying:How to Make it Stop."

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'I Will Run Again'

Ex-DHS Students on Long Road to Recovery Nine Months After Traumatic Accident

**By Kyndal McDonald
Layout / Design Team**

On the rainy spring afternoon of March 12, 2010, Amanda Parson cleaned the cat's litter box while her boyfriend Ryan Lykins prepared to fry chicken on the stove of their home near DeSoto. "The chicken never made it to the pan," said Amanda, a 2007 Delta graduate.

For the next three months, Amanda's home was Wishard Hospital in Indianapolis where she underwent seven surgeries. Ryan spent his next month in a coma in Wishard.

Now, nine months since that fateful day last March when a grease fire critically injured the couple, they are on the road to recovery as they celebrate the holidays at home.

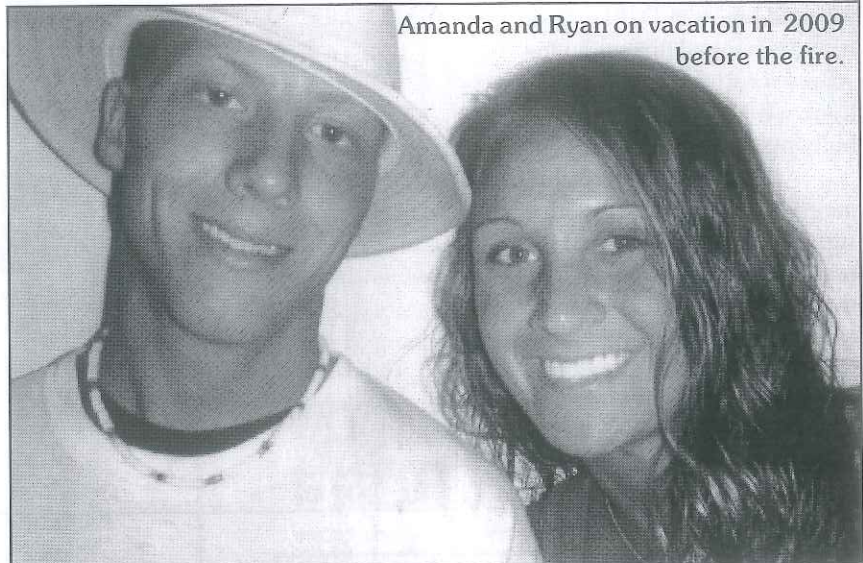
The Day of the Fire

Although Ryan also attended Delta in 2006 before moving on to Monroe Central High School, he and Amanda did not date while students here. Ironically, they met later at a bonfire and soon after began dating.

Ryan got Amanda's number from her mother, Sheila Parson, a longtime bus driver for Delaware Community Schools and manager of the McDonald's in Albany where Amanda also worked.

They began dating in 2008 and moved into the rural Desoto home in April 2009.

Last March, as Amanda cleaned the litter box in the utility room, she heard Ryan yell from the kitchen. He picked up the burning pan and tried to carry it outside. She held the door open, but Ryan dropped the pan and it exploded in flames, causing her to catch on fire.



Amanda and Ryan on vacation in 2009
before the fire.

Photo provided by Sheila Parson



Amanda at her nephew's birthday
after her long hospital stay.

Photo provided by Sheila Parson

on, and tried to put the fire out, but the water was not effective against the grease fire. Amanda ran to the neighbors and they called 911.

Amanda suffered third-degree burns over much of her body, including her face. Ryan also suffered third-degree burns on his arms and legs.

"My skin was dripping off, literally," Ryan said.

When Ryan's dad came by a few minutes later, the garage was open. His dad walked in and finished putting the fire out.

Ryan and Amanda said that when the fire department came, the officials were acting like it was a meth lab. Police also were asking suspicious questions.

Ryan started going into shock while he made a joke to the EMT. They then put a needle in his arm, and he woke up a month later.

Amanda was loaded on a stretcher and transported to Ball Memorial Hospital, where she stayed briefly before being transported to Indianapolis for more advanced care.

She doesn't remember what

Amanda tried getting her phone from the kitchen, but it wasn't in reach so she dumped the dog's water on the floor in the utility room and rolled in it to try to put the fire out. They ran past the water hose, and Ryan went back, turned it

happened after the fire because they sedated her and intubated her in the ambulance in her neighbor's driveway. Intubation is a procedure in which a tube is inserted to help a patient breathe.

"The whole night up until that point I remember like it was yesterday, unfortunately," Amanda said.

The Long Stay at the Hospital

Amanda struggled to survive as doctors at Wishard began life-saving measures. Victims who are burned so severely over more than half of their body often do not survive.

"I thought, 'No, not my baby! How bad is she?'" Sheila Parson said. "Every day it was different. The very high fevers, the infections, surgeries. ... Her body could have given up, but it didn't."

Amanda eventually underwent seven skin-graft surgeries in which new skin was stapled to her body.

"During her surgeries, it seemed like time stopped or slowed down," Sheila said. "Every time the doors would open, I was afraid that something had happened to her. I was so afraid."

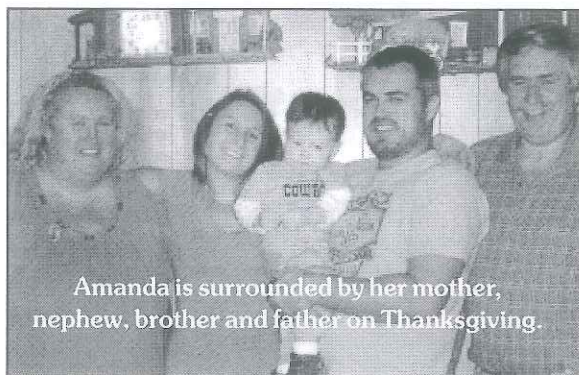
Amanda had hallucinations in the hospital. She thought the ceiling in the hospital was falling in, and she said she thought she was strapped to a car.

Ryan remembers having vivid dreams. In one dream, he was an injured soldier on a cot on a World War II ship. He saw two nurses smoking a cigarette and then they were gone.

When Ryan woke up after a month-long coma, he first saw his grandparents at the end of the bed. He thought he was in Florida, but he was told he was at Wishard Hospital.

Amanda remembers when she woke up. She remembers what happened slowly.

Ryan stayed in the hospital



Amanda is surrounded by her mother, nephew, brother and father on Thanksgiving.

Photo by Christi Dalton

for 30 days and Amanda stayed in there for more than three months.

Her skin grafting cost over \$2.5 million, but her insurance covered most of it. Ryan's expense was less than hers, around \$500,000.

During his surgery, Ryan stopped breathing. His heart stopped a couple times, forcing doctors to bring him back. The cause of this is he had a blood clot in his leg and it moved up to his lung. They put him on a blood thinner, which is commonly used in the prevention of strokes.

They both stayed at Wishard Hospital during their recovery. "For \$5,000 a night, you'd think they would feed us flaming filet mignon," Ryan said, noting that he and Amanda did not like the Wishard food.

When Amanda and Ryan were in the hospital, the nurses scrubbed them in a tub to clean them. "While I was in the shower there was so much blood it looked like I murdered a couple people while being in there," Amanda said. "I still have to sit down in the shower because I do not have the balance it takes to stand up on a slick surface with no braces."

On the Road to Recovery

She was dismissed for the first time at the beginning of May but she had to go back. She was finally dismissed June 25. Ryan was released on April 15.

Right now she is doing physical therapy two times a week. The physical therapist works with her on her balance, walking and making sure that she is not losing any range of motion.

"I have finally gotten to the point where I can walk without my braces, although it isn't easy for me at all," Amanda said.

She gets excited from about every little change. "That is simply because six months ago I wasn't even able to stand up on my own," Amanda said.

Every day is different for Amanda when it comes to pain. Her pain is always there, but most of the time she said she can tolerate it.

Amanda and Ryan have to wear pressure garments to compress their scars. They have to wear them for one to two years. The garments should make their scars smoother in the future and hopefully make them less noticeable.

"I have them from my belly button down to my toes, and Ryan has them on both of his feet," Amanda said. They also have them on both of their arms.

The fire has affected both of their families very hard. "It was harder mentally for my family," Amanda said. She and Ryan have inspired other patients and their families at the rehab center. "They look up to us. It gives them hope," Amanda said.

Amanda said everyone is really supportive and beyond appreciative. Ryan's neighbor would come down and mow his yard while he was gone. The student council did a pie toss to help raise money for both of them.

The insurance is paying for most of the bills. And fundraisers

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were done around Delaware Community Schools.

"When she came home, I was very excited but scared at the same time," Shelia said. "I was afraid of her falling or opening areas from her skin grafting."

Amanda never gave up, no matter how badly it hurt. In rehab they would work with her legs, building up her muscles again.

"She began walking in the living room in a circle, and she said, 'Look mom, no crutches!'" Sheila said.

Hope for the Future

She is not still able to go back to work. "To this day I cannot cook anything hot unless it is in the microwave," Amanda said. "It scares me to death to think about it."

Just this summer she was sitting around a campfire and for the first time in her life she didn't enjoy it. All she was thinking was what if something bad would happen? "It wasn't anything we did wrong. It was honestly a complete and unfortunate accident that we couldn't escape," Amanda said.

Her relationship has gotten closer with all of her family and friends. "When something drastic like this happens in your life it really makes you open your eyes to what is important in life," Amanda said.

She said here relationship with Ryan has gotten stronger and they are closer than they have ever been. Amanda said she couldn't imagine her life without him.

"The truth of the matter is you should always stay as close as you can with your loved ones because you never really know how fragile life can be," Amanda said.

Amanda is hoping that her nerves will grow back full so she will have all the movements back in her foot.

"That way I will be able to run, jump and get out of these braces and back to a semi-normal life!" Amanda said.

Amanda, who played softball in high school, loves to be fit and exercise. "I will run again," she said.

Christmas Creations

By Kaite Clark
Photo Editor

Pumpkin Bars:

Mrs. Hall Submission

35 servings Prep: 30
minutes Bake: 20-25
minutes + cooling

Ingredients:

1 can of Libby's pumpkin
pie mix (not the PLAIN
pumpkin)
1 ½ cups of sugar
1 cup of canola oil
4 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
2 cups all-purpose flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon baking soda
Cream cheese frosting

Directions:

In a large bowl, beat the
pumpkin, sugar, oil, eggs
and vanilla. Combine the
flour, baking powder and
baking soda. Gradually add
to pumpkin mixture and
mix well. Pour into greased
15-in.x1-in. baking pan
(sheet pan). Bake at 350
degrees for 20-25 minutes
or until a toothpick inserted
near the center comes out
clean. Cool on a wire rack.

Cream Cheese Frosting:

½ cup margarine or butter (1
stick)
1 large package cream
cheese
2 teaspoons vanilla
3-¾ cups powdered sugar
(1 box)
Cream together first 3
ingredients plus 1 cup of
sugar; then gradually add the
rest of the powdered sugar.
Frost the bars when they are
completely cool and then
refrigerate.

Waldorf Astoria Red Velvet Cake: Brendan Gill Submission

13 (cup) servings Prep: 30 minutes
to a whole night Bake: 40-45
minutes

Ingredients:

½ cup shortening
1 ½ cups sugar
2 eggs
2 oz. red food coloring
2 tablespoons cocoa (heaping)
1 cup buttermilk
2 ¼ cups cake flour
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon vinegar

Directions:

Cream shortening, sugar and eggs.
Make a paste of food coloring and
cocoa. Add to creamed mixture.
Add buttermilk alternating with
flour and salt. Add vanilla. Add
soda to vinegar (it foams!), and
blend into cake batter. Pour into 3 or
4 greased and floured 8" cake pans.
Bake at 350 degrees for 24-30
minutes. Frost with the following
frosting.

Frosting

Ingredients:

3 tablespoons flour
1 cup milk
1 cup sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 cup butter (must be butter!)

Directions: Add milk to flour
slowly, avoiding lumps. Cook flour
and milk until very thick, stirring
constantly. COOL IT COMPLETELY!
Cream sugar, butter and vanilla
until fluffy. Add to cooked mixture.
Beat, high speed, until very fluffy.
Looks and tastes like whipped
cream.

Turning Passion into Projects

By Taylor Morris
Photographer

Freshmen Mackenzie Roe, Katie Huston, and Brianna Erby work on a bear during class.

Christmas is not only a time for receiving presents, but also for giving. Mrs. Dawn Raleigh is making sure her Freshmen Honors English class remembers this, all while continuing to teach English.

Mrs. Raleigh had her English class make their choice of either a doll or a bear for a local women's shelter called A Better Way, where women go with their children to escape abusive homes. The inspiration behind this idea comes from her passion for sewing, love of volunteer work, and a book her students read in class called The Crucible, a story about the Salem witch trials.

In one particular scene, a lady is making a doll and is accused of being a witch because of it. Mrs. Raleigh wanted to show her students how much harder it would be to make dolls or bears back then without our modern sewing machines; so they made theirs by hand. She added taking these dolls/bears to the women's shelter to turn this whole experience into a positive one.

This was Mrs. Raleigh's first year to present this project so she wondered what kind of reactions she would get. She said, "Most students seemed to be excited about this project. Some boys were not so thrilled at first, because they didn't think they needed to do this."

She listed many different reasons for doing this project beyond just English. She knows the economy is tough and some moms might not be able to give gifts to their kids for Christmas this year. As a mom of four young children, Mrs. Raleigh said she knows how disappointed the children would be to find nothing under the Christmas tree.

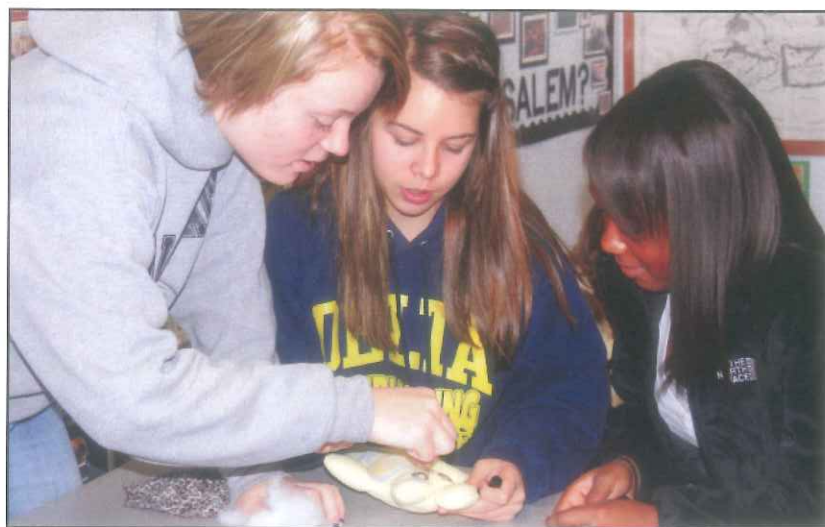


Photo by Stacie Sanders

For her kids in class, Mrs. Raleigh hopes the students "take the time to stop and think what others do not have" and to maybe even further their volunteer work outside of this project. She also thinks this project helps students with skills they will need later in life, such as taking directions and trying new things. She said, "Sewing is useful for everyday home life. If a button falls off their coats, they now know how to sew it back on themselves."

Once the doll or bear was made for the shelter, students were free to make as many as they wanted for whomever they wanted. Some made dolls for little siblings or cousins.

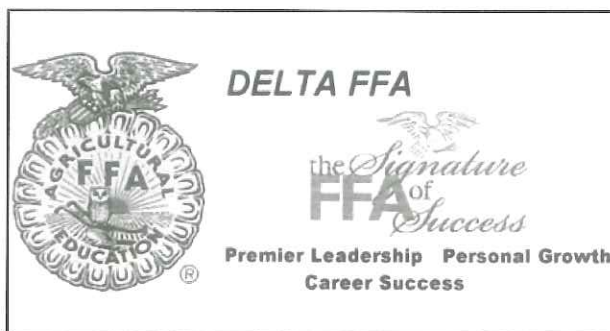
To teach her students how to make these dolls, Mrs. Raleigh found outlines of different bears or dolls in books and on the Internet. She blew up the picture so the students could see the actual size the dolls should be.

Each outline came with step-by-step instructions on

how to make the dolls and the materials they would need. The students chose which outline to use based on how difficult of a bear or doll they were willing to try to make.

Since the project has been so successful this year, Mrs. Raleigh hopes to bring in a representative from the women's shelter next year to share her story with the class and to "make this experience more real for her students."

Thanks to Mrs. Raleigh and her students, an estimated 60 dolls/bears were made for the women's shelter in the past two weeks. That's 60 kids who get to have a present for Christmas, and hopefully 60 students who learned the value of volunteering.



New chances in a new year

By Haley Christopher
Staff Writer

English teacher Mrs. Hanna Kikendall already started her New Year's resolution at the beginning of the school year. She has decided that she is going to wear every outfit in her closet before she buys any new clothes.

Like many people who make resolutions, she has broken hers a few times. Mrs. Kikendall has bought a few items since then, such as three new sweaters, two T-shirts and some pants. But she is working her way through her closet.

Mrs. Kikendall says her ugliest outfit is her brown polo with white stripes. "This has not brought down my shopping habits, but my closet is getting cleaned out and I am getting rid of the ugly stuff," she said.

New Year's is just around the corner, which means it is that time to be thinking about a resolution to make. The most common New Year's resolutions are to get into shape, lose weight or exercise regularly.

Those New Year's resolutions are what secretary, Mrs. Linda Burt, athletic director, Mr. Chris Conley and nurse, Mrs. Cathy Giammichele would like to do. Mr. Conley jokes that he usually breaks his resolution on Jan. 1 while he is watching football.

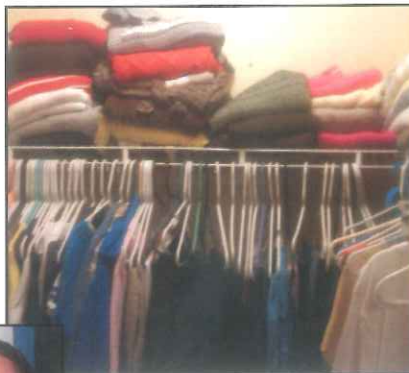
Marissa Stotler, junior, would like to be a dedicated vegetarian and help the environment. Stotler has always been one to recycle but believes she can do more. Her choice to become a vegetarian is something very new.

She believes in nonviolence, and killing animals is extremely violent. Marissa explained, "I will eat veggies and fruit and maybe try some tofu meat."

Stotler will officially start her resolution on Jan. 1, but right now she said she is slowing herself down and eating a very small amount of meat to get her ready to practice vegetarianism.

Rebecca Kehm, freshman, has had two surgeries. Her resolution is to have no more surgeries.

She has a kidney disease called X-Linked Hypophosphatemic Rickets. The surgeries she had for this were to straighten her legs from where the disease has made a deformity to her



Mrs. Kikendall

bones and caused her legs to become bow-legged. At this point Kehm does not know if she will need more surgeries.

We all know that no one is perfect, but administrators are sometimes thought of as being pretty close to it. Assistant principal Ms. Joey Gossett drives a red 2008 Mustang. Her New Year's resolution is to not get any more tickets.

This year she has received a total of three tickets. Two of her three tickets were for speeding and the other was for following too closely. Ms. Gossett said, "The fastest I was going when I got pulled over was 59 in a 40, and the other time I got pulled over, I was following a state trooper in an unmarked Mustang too closely."

New Year's resolutions are the time to get a second chance on something or make a difference that year. If you mess up on it you can simply start over or try again the next year.

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Holdrens' Generosity Grows

Delta family leads Christmas giving

By Leah Williams
Staff Writer

For many families in Delaware County, the holidays are about gifts, food and shopping. For the Holdrens, Christmas is about those in need.

Alan "Al" Holdren, co-owner of Atlas Collection Agency and father of junior Katie Holdren, started Secret Families in December 2004. He and his wife Chris were discussing gifts for each other when they realized that they had everything they needed, while many other families went without.

They decided they would use their gift money to provide a gift card for food, presents, a Bible and a tree for a local family in need. "We have been blessed to have all the things we need and we felt our resources could be used in a better way than serving ourselves," Al Holdren said.

At 11 o'clock that night, the family went to Meijer. Katie, 10 years old at the time, Maddie, 7, Al's brother-in-law and his family all came along for the ride. The Holdrens wrapped the presents in the garage and used the following day to deliver them.

That first year, they sponsored two families. Since then, the number of families has astronomically increased. In 2009, they sponsored 58 families. They set another record this year. "We'll do over 100 families this year," Katie said.

Anyone who wants to



(above) Delta girls Nikiya Parsons, Ali Hernandez and Lexy Crump wrap presents. (top right) Katie Holdren takes time out to hold baby Irie Frost.



Photos provided

sponsor a family can do so through Secret Families' website (www.secretfamilies.org). It costs \$550 to sponsor one family, or a donation can be made toward a family.

Principals of local schools help choose families for the Holdrens. "They know where the need is within the community, and we lean on them to assist us in distributing the wealth correctly," Al said.

Secret Families' only requirement is that everyone gets

a present. "Nobody wants to wake up and not have a present on Christmas morning," Al explained. Mothers, fathers, children, uncles, aunts, grandparents; anyone who lives in the house gets a gift. Al makes sure of that. "He loves it. His goal is that everyone in Delaware County has Christmas," said Katie.

The process involved each year is exhausting and rewarding. On the first Saturday in December, the work begins. First, the shopping crews meet at 6 a.m. at Meijer. Al gives a speech, and then the shopping begins.



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The gifts are wrapped at Toyota of Muncie, located across the road from Meijer.

The delivery crews take the gifts to homes of the families, where they dropped off the fully decorated Christmas tree earlier in the day. The sponsorship is anonymous.

The families are called and interviewed so as to discover the needs and interests of the children. Shoppers are provided with a list of the members of a family, along with the information from the interviews, of each member. The wrappers use the same list to put the right name on the right present, but the "from" spot on the sticker is left blank.

All the hard work has led to Secret Families being named an official charity. "We're really excited about that," Katie said.

Anyone who wants to can help, and many do. "The student council has been very generous in sponsoring a family over the past several years," Al said. Student Council plans to do so again this year.

The Holdrens' generosity has spread throughout Delaware County. "Our community has grown this because it is a local project, done by local people for local families," Al said. Some families have expressed their gratitude, and one even came back to help another family.

The Holdrens plan to always have Secret Families. "It has become a part of what our family is about. It will be Katie and Maddie's responsibility someday," Al said.

Were it not for the Holdrens and their supporters, over 100 families in our area would go without gifts, food, or a tree this year. Because of them, children have Christmas.

Rattray learns lesson in giving

**By Leah Williams
Staff Writer**

The Holdrens are not the only caring Delta family. Tavis Rattray, freshman, spends the year saving for families that can't afford Christmas. "Their parents can't buy presents for their kids," Rattray said.

Half of all money he gets from birthdays and other occasions goes toward the children. He also earns money in other ways, such as picking up cans with his mom on an early morning after a Ball State University football game. Rattray usually raises \$150 to \$175 each year.

Rattray's family had bought for underprivileged children for years when Tavis joined in at age 5. "My family brought me into it," Rattray said. His mom's siblings get involved, buying for two to three families per year. Rattray doesn't know who he buys for; they are chosen by his mom, who works as a human resource manager for WGE Federal Credit Union.

They usually begin shopping in

early December. Most boys want electronics, which the Rattrays generally buy at Wal-Mart or Target. Rattray's mom usually picks out the toys for the girls at the same stores.

Rattray plans to do this for as long as he can. "I'll probably keep it up with my family when I get older," Rattray said. He hopes to pass on his family's generosity to his own children.



Photo by Leah Williams

Freshman Tavis Rattray wraps a Christmas gift.

Delta Athletics

Be a part of the excitement!

Here Comes Santa! Or Not?

By Lindsey Jeffers
Layout / Design

You are eight years old. It is Christmas Eve and your parents sent you to bed so that Santa can come and bring you presents. You are lying in bed and trying to fall asleep, but you can't because of the excitement of what Santa will bring you. You decide to yourself that you will try to forget about it and just go to sleep. When this attempt fails, you cannot wait any longer. You get out of bed, and run to go to sleep on the couch to wait for Santa.

You creak open your door and tip-toe out into the hallway. You hear a couple faint voices, and you wonder if Santa has already come! Could it be? You start walking faster, making your way down the hallway into the living room. You peek your head around the corner, and your chin drops to the ground. You are in complete awe. You are confused of why your parents would be setting out presents and stuffing your stockings. You speak up and say,

"Mommy? What are you doing?" By the look on your mom's face, you knew you were not supposed to be seeing this.

For senior Dakota Schliessman, she knew she wasn't supposed to see what she saw. When she was 7 years old, she acted like she was going to bed. Once her parents went to sleep, she got out of bed and went and hid under the Christmas tree. She covered herself up with the blanket under the tree. Her parents came out and started bringing out the presents from the garage. She asked what they were doing, and her mom started stuttering. She said since she didn't go to sleep, Santa had to leave all the presents outside and they were carrying them in. She knew this wasn't true.

Sometimes kids find out the truth from their classmates. Senior Devyn Wafer and her sister had little elf friends named Max and Sam. They would write them letters saying how they were excited to give

them their presents. Devyn took one of the letters to school in 2nd grade and showed everyone on her bus. "The 4th graders thought I was insane," she says. "They made fun of me saying how they weren't real and it was all made up." When she went home, she vented to her mom. "She confessed that it was her and my dad just writing left handed. I was so upset."

A parent can slip up and spill the truth. One year for Christmas junior Will Moore got mystery colored ketchup in his stocking. He and his family were eating supper one day, and the ketchup bottle was on the table. His dad asked his mom, "Did you get this ketchup at Dollar General?" and she said, "Yeah, I did." "I freaked out and got all sad because he wasn't real."

There are a lot of different ways to discover the unfortunate truth, but there are many who still believe in the mystery that is Kris Kringle.

Ouch!? Hahaha! Bet that hurt!

By Marissa Elam and Jasmine Davis
Staff Writers

We all try to make it look like we don't do anything silly or funny sometimes, but behind it all we all have a funny story to tell.

Freshman Dylan Christman

When he was in third grade he was riding his snowmobile and he flipped it over while trying to show off for Lindsay Welsh.

Junior Zack Moore

Fell through the ice while he was ice fishing.

Senior Garrett Zgunda

Was sledding down a hill at McCulloch Park and didn't see a

bunch of logs. He rammed into one and hurt himself.

Senior Hannah Lancaster

Thought it would be funny to toss her white cat into a snow drift outside her house. The cat started to run around, and it took them a solid five minutes to find him.

Freshman Jared Tomlin

Had his dad pull him on his sled behind the truck, but his dad ran him into a tree.

Junior Kevin Maddy

Fell going across the driveway heading toward his grandparents' home.

Freshman Alex Kennedy

She and Stacie Sanders were trying to snowboard and fell down a hill. They just kept rolling until they got to the bottom of the hill.

Freshman Kirsten Hagen

Got pulled into a cold unfrozen creek because her cousin wanted to see how deep it was.

Freshman Sierra Cannon

Her sister fell and thought her brother pushed her so she tried hitting him with her backpack. She ended up falling again and then he ending up falling, too.



The Fresh Take with Jennifer Hefflin Staff Writer

The Real Christmas

The hustle and bustle of Christmas can take away our attention from the reason for the season

It's when you walk into your kitchen and there's that smell. The scent of sugar cookies with icing. The sweet cookies that give you happy and peaceful memories. The warm yellow cookies you used to leave for Santa.

How it feels when you step outside when there's snow on the ground and the sun is shining. There's that winter smell that you can't ever describe but you know it by heart.

When you can't wait to go Christmas shopping because you know you're picking out your own presents even if your parents say it's for a cousin.

The feeling when you wake up on Christmas and it's the one day out of the entire year where you fly out of bed just to go tear into the packages you've been waiting weeks to open.

Every time you do something or go somewhere it's all Christmassy and sparkling. Everywhere you look things are bright and cheery.

Sometimes we get caught up in our own lives and memories. We forget the real meaning of Christmas.

Some children don't even

know why we have certain holidays. They know they're going to get presents and that's the only thing that matters, because of the commercialization of the holidays.

When you watch a commercial for a store during the holiday season, do you ever notice how it's all about sales and getting there first? That's all people can think about. Getting the right present, getting it at the lowest price.

We might love Black Friday and all the shopping we do during this time, but we shouldn't forget why we have Christmas or any other holiday.

Great ways to not forget about the true meaning are: Spend time with the family you never see, get to know them and ask about

things their family did on Christmas.

Spend time at a retirement home or at a children's hospital. You can probably make someone's day by just smiling and giving them just a little hope.

Volunteer somewhere just to help with things. It doesn't matter how small a job; as long as you do something you're still helping and showing that you care.

Make cookies with your close friends, family or neighbors. Give them to somebody who would might enjoy them. You never know what things people are going to remember for the rest of their lives. Even though it's just cookies, it could make someone else make cookies for someone they care about and we could truly change the world.

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Unique Treats

By Jasmine Davis
Copy Editor

What would Christmas Day be like without a stocking full of treats? Each year it seems that there are new ways to fill a stocking and receive a smile.

Every year millions of stockings are filled for both children and adults. The contents however are all different.

Some stockings are filled with candy and toys. Others are filled with toothbrushes, coal and fruit.

Junior Courtney Stephenson said, "I hate getting apples and oranges in my stocking, I never eat them."

One year a Buzz Lightyear toy was put in sophomore Joe Drago's stocking.

"I hate when my mom puts oranges in my stocking because she knows I'm allergic to them, but she does it because I love them," said Cierra Blankenship.

New ideas that have come along over the years have been personalized for dogs, cats and other family pets.

"One time my newborn kitten (Ginger) climbed into my stocking and couldn't get out. And right

before we looked in our stockings, I found her in there. It was quite funny," said junior Coy Turner.

The most unusual item junior Brooke Avery received in her stocking was a Teacup Chihuahua.

One interesting thing junior Kevin Clements receives in his stocking yearly is peanuts. "Also it is a tradition to put peanuts into my sister's stocking yearly," Clements said.

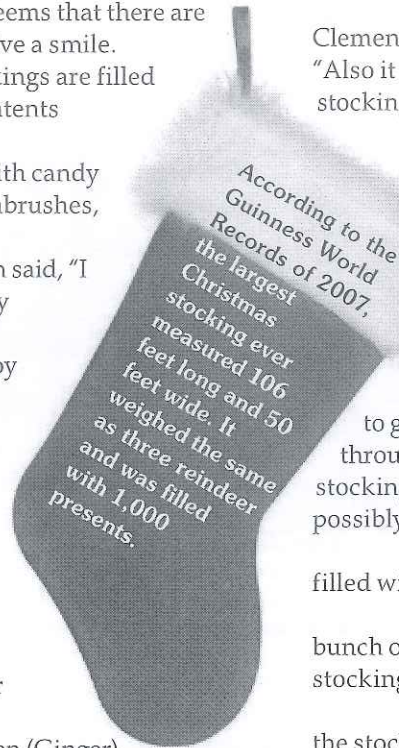
Many people enjoy opening their stockings and receiving things like candy, money and gift cards. However, some hate getting the things they have to have as a present such as a toothbrush, deodorant or socks, because they're going to get them. So why make it a surprise?

Money and gift cards are a way to get what you want and not have to go through pulling out the things you hate. Those stocking stuffers make it so you get a choice and possibly some freedom.

Junior Bri Thornburg received a stocking filled with all one dollar bills equaling \$100.

"One year my grandma got all of us a bunch of lottery tickets and put them in our stockings," said junior Celli Noble.

New ideas all over are arising and filling the stockings of men, women, boys and girls in the world.



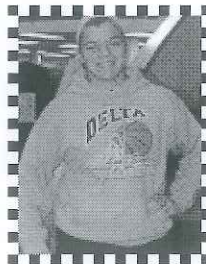
Dreaming of a White Christmas

Year after year many children are let down on Christmas morning, simply due to the lack of snow in December. Let's be honest here; we've all believed in Santa Claus and the picture-perfect morning of the snow-topped roof and everything we wanted for Christmas sitting under the tree (from Santa Claus, of course.) Many still believe in Santa, but you don't come upon many people who believe in having a white Christmas anymore.

New Carlisle is a small town in Northern Indiana near South Bend.

In New Carlisle, Ind., they get around 95 inches of snow every year! Compared to Muncie, where we get roughly 21 inches of snow a year, that's a ton of snow!

As of right now, Indianapolis currently has a 30 percent chance of getting at least 1 inch of snow and a



Jamie's Thoughts with Jamie Moynihan

very low and still decreasing 3 percent chance of getting 5 inches of snow on Christmas day.

New Carlisle has an almost guaranteed white Christmas, while we have a very slight chance of snow at all. Although Muncie gets snow, it never seems like it comes fast enough. We wait and wait and wait for the snow and then it comes in the shape of a large storm. Then, we are out of school because of the storm, but we have to make up the snow days at the end of the school year.

All in all, it looks like we are again NOT having a white Christmas in Muncie. It's no secret why many don't believe in having a white Christmas anymore.

Livin' Life in the Fast Lane

300 Words

"300 Words" is a new series in the *Eagle's Eye*. We'll introduce you to some memorable people in just 300 words.

Kyle Ludwick

**By Stephanie Garringer
Ads Director**

He rolls out of his bed at the Rio Hotel in Las Vegas on a warm November morning. His classmates are approximately 2,000 miles away, studying typical college track classes like biology, Spanish or government.

Senior Kyle Ludwick is on a much different track - a track that he hopes takes him to fame as a race-car driver.

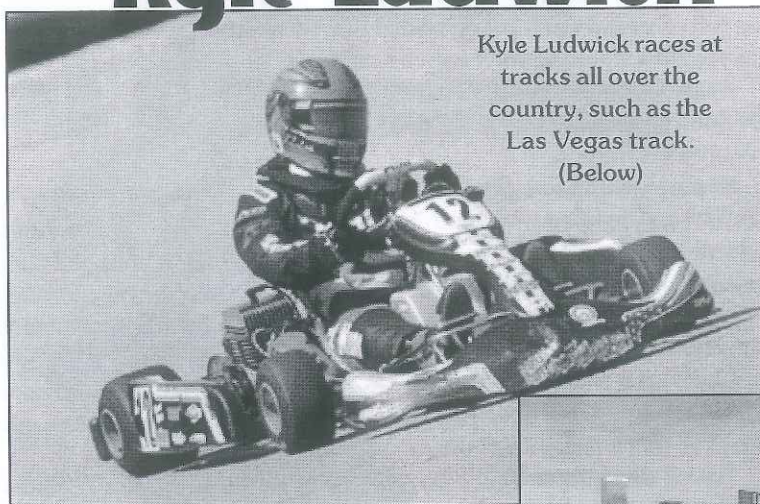
Ludwick races in the Formula BMW Series, where the cars are similar to the Indy cars. He also races with the World Karting Association where he races go-karts that go approximately 130 miles per hour, much faster than a normal go-kart.

"The competition is really what drives me on," Ludwick said. He has been racing cars and karts since his seventh grade year, which is late compared to some racers who started at the age of five.

His dad is the main reason Ludwick started racing. "My dad's friends drove race cars and my brother raced dirt bikes. I was around it for most of my life," he said. Though he started late his hard work has paid off. Ludwick is ranked 46th out of 3,000 racers 15 years or older in the world.

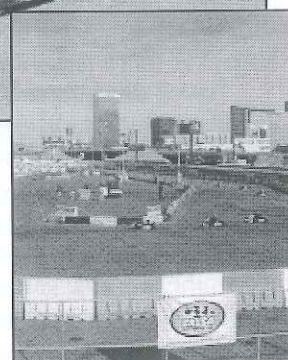
One may not think that race car drivers need to be physically fit, but that is not the case at all. Ludwick goes to a fitness program in Indianapolis called Pit Fit. "Pit Fit really works with me and other professional drivers on our fitness. They work with us individually mainly on cardio and reflex fitness," Ludwick said. These workouts are so intense he walks away vomiting.

Having main sponsorship via Oakley and NOS Energy Drink, Kyle is



Kyle Ludwick races at tracks all over the country, such as the Las Vegas track. (Below)

Photos Provided



truly on the fast track to the top of the sport. Very few 18-year-olds get the chances to step into a \$100,000 race car, but Kyle feels like it's his office. He said, "Racing comes so naturally to me, I've never been intimidated by any of it. After I put the helmet on and visor down, it's go time from there. In most sports you have room for error, but in racing if you make a mistake it could cost

someone tons of money or your life possibly. That's what keeps me pushing to be the best I can be out there."



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Lambert Fever

By Lauren Poor
Ads Director

Junior Landon Lambert might look like a typical high school athlete, but most people would never guess that he is a talented guitarist and singer. After watching his Uncle Tim play the guitar at his house, Landon became interested in learning, and taught himself how to play.

Playing guitar is definitely a different experience from the football field. Being a varsity defensive back and wingback, Lambert takes some hard hits at times.

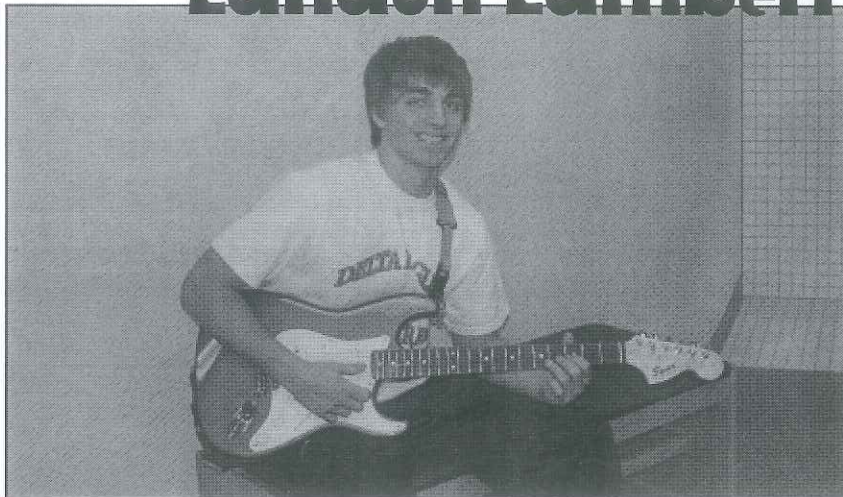
He plays much softer on his tan Taylor Acoustic guitar. He purchased his guitar at The Guitar Center in Indianapolis. Landon taught himself how to play by listening to songs on the radio, then going home, picking up his guitar and playing the songs over and over again until he gets it perfect.

Landon also spends time in the recording studio, producing his own CD's. He records at Studio D Recordings in Summitville. Landon's Uncle Lynn told him about the recording studio, and Landon has been going there ever since. It costs \$20 per hour to record.

After Landon records the songs, he listens to them and goes back to fix what he messed up on. "I do mess up a lot," he said.

He makes one final copy of a CD, and then he gives it to his friend Ethan Grove. Ethan imports

Landon Lambert



Landon Lambert enjoys playing guitar.

Photo By Katie Clark

the CD onto iTunes and makes several copies for Landon. When people ask for a CD, he usually just gives them one.

This year for Homecoming week, Landon participated in Air Jam. His friends and family talked him into playing, even though he wasn't so sure if he was ready to perform in front of a crowd. "My friends and family made me," Lambert said.

Playing in front of a crowd for the first time made Landon nervous and scared, but once he started playing, it was clear how good he really was.

Since Air Jam, Landon has not played in front of a live audience.

Now you can see Landon

on YouTube.

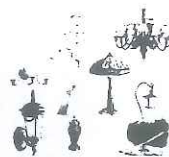
At home, Landon's dad records him singing and playing the guitar. He currently has three videos up.

You can check them out on YouTube or become a fan on the official Landon Lambert page on www.Facebook.com.



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The Glory Days

The 30th Anniversary of Delta's wrestling dynasty

By Seth Neal
Sports Editor

In 1986, Delta wrestling invited St. Edward High School from Cleveland, Ohio to visit for a dual meet. Not only did they come from another state, but they were ranked first in the nation for wrestling. All the bleachers were packed. There was only standing room on the gym floor.

Those were the "glory days" of Delta wrestling. In 1981, the wrestling team won the state championship. In 1982, they repeated. 1983, '84 and '85, the same.

Delta was truly a powerhouse of Indiana wrestling. This season is the 30th anniversary of the start of the so-called "dynasty."

"It wasn't unusual for Delta wrestling fans to take up an entire section of the arena from top to bottom," Trent McCormick said about his state match at Market Square Arena in Indianapolis. McCormick was a Delta wrestler from 1983-86 and is now teaching

1980's Delta Wrestling

'80 - Semi-State Champs

'81 - State Champs

'82 - State Champs

'83 - State Champs

'84 - State Champs

'85 - State Champs

'86 - State Runners-up

'87 - Regional Champs

'88 - Regional Champs

'89 - Regional Champs

and coaching wrestling at Yorktown High School, where his team is currently ranked fifth in the state.

Market Square Arena has since been demolished, but it used to hold more than 16,000 people.

"You definitely knew when a Delta wrestler was taking the mat at Market Square as the crowd erupted

with glory," he said.

McCormick placed fourth in the state meet in 1985 and won state in '86, both at 185 pounds. In '86, Delta placed second overall in state, ending its five-year championship streak.

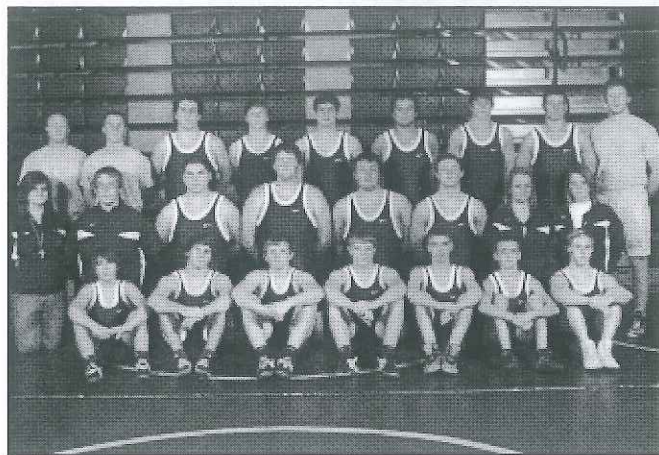
"At that time, it wasn't unusual for Delta to be ranked first in the state, Muncie South second, Muncie Central 13th and Wapahani 19th," McCormick said. "Local events were very well attended, with the Delta vs. Muncie South dual being standing room only."

Popularity of wrestling has drastically dropped, though. Some college programs have had to drop wrestling due to financial issues. But in the past five years, Indiana has gained three new college programs.

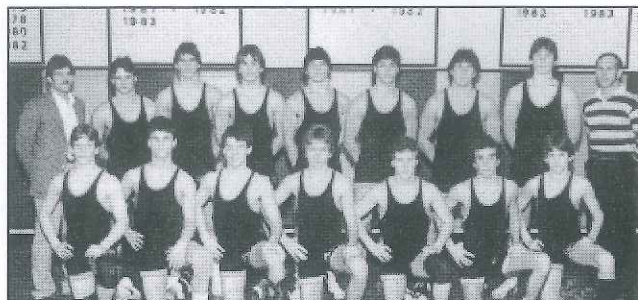
"It's a cycle for us," said Brett Clark, current Delta coach. "You get individuals that wrestle, and then you get their kids."

McCormick shows that the

2010 Delta Wrestling Team



1984 Delta Varsity Team



'84 JV Team

'84 Freshman Team

Photos from 1984 Yearbook

cycle is real. "The life lessons I learned as a Delta wrestler were so valuable to me that I have guided my own son into the same sport that shaped me," he said.

This year for Delta wrestling, there are three juniors and only one senior. The team is trying to reload.

"With 30 plus in our elementary program, 30 in our middle school program and 20 on our high school team, the future looks bright for Delta wrestling," Clark said. "In the next five to 10 years, if not sooner, Delta wrestling will have gained the respect it once had in the glory days if everyone continues to do their part for the program."

One of the best wrestlers this year, Adam Gordon, sophomore, plans to drive the team as far as they can go.

"As a leader, I'm trying to push my team to their full potential so our team can reach a state title again," Gordon said. "All we can do is work hard in practice and wrestler our best every match. And if every person does those things, we can be one of the best again."

To win state every single year they've been on the wrestling team is hardly something the current wrestlers can wrap their minds around. They dream of a state ring and they are working hard for it.

"It would be unbelievable just to win state once," junior Jim Schafer said.

Jim's twin brother, Joe, has

the same mindset.

"Having those four rings would show how hard we worked over the years," Joe said.

Wrestlers put in hard work at practice and in meets. Improving in skill and losing weight isn't an easy task.

"Practices are rough, and a lot of kids stay after every day to run

to make sure they make weight for their meets," senior Austin Crouch said.

"Everyone gives it their all, and they never give up."

In wrestling, it's just one man on the mat at a time. There's no team to strategize with; it's just one.

Support is needed from all the teammates.

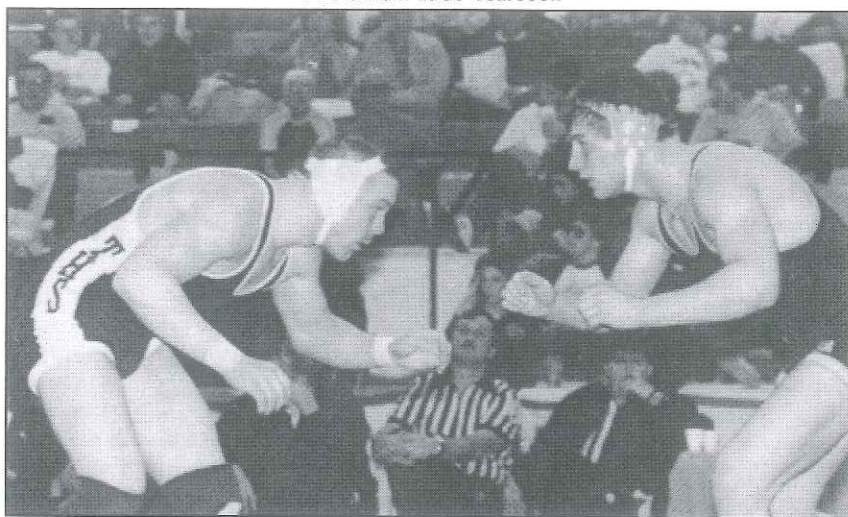
"A wrestling team has individual wrestlers and it is up to them on the mat, but in practice, beating each other up, getting better is up to each other," freshman Sam Bales said. "It's a big support system."

Improvement is what the team is working on this year. State isn't quite in the eyes of the wrestlers for this season, but they want to get better.

"With hard work, consistency, patience, time, numbers and support, anything is possible," Clark said. "It's going to be a great season for growth and development with those young guys gaining a lot of mat experience."

This season may not be an ideal 30th anniversary of the 1981 launch of the dynasty, but it's possibly working toward it within the next decade.

Photo from 1986 Yearbook



Trent McCormick stares down his opponent in his '86 state championship



The 2010 team huddles before a meet

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All five state championship trophies from 1981-'85

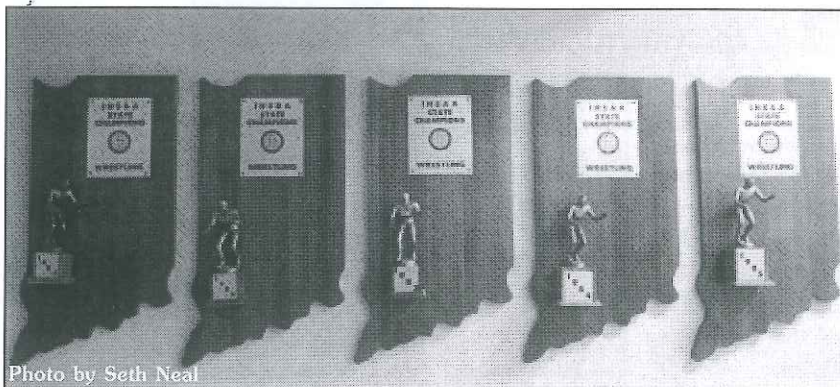


Photo by Seth Neal

Austin Chriswell

Would You Rather? Eat 25 hot dogs or jump off a 50-foot high tree.

A: Jump off a tree because I have ninja skills

Would You Rather? Be riding in a car going 90 mph and ride off a 30-foot cliff or ride in a car going 30 mph and ride off a 100-foot cliff?

A: Going faster because it will get your adrenaline pumping, heck yea!

Would You

Rather? Eat scrambled eggs raw or eat ice fish raw?

A: Eat fish because I lived in the jungle for a while.

Would You Rather? Have 100+ friends that are just ok or three of the greatest friends?

A: Three friends, but I would rather have none because I'm a lone wolf.

Jack Liggett

Would You Rather? Not be able to take a shower for a month or not be able to brush your teeth for a month?

A: Oooo... I would rather not be able to brush my teeth because I would smell terrible if I didn't take a shower plus I could chew a piece of gum.

Would You Rather? Be deaf or blind?

A: I would definitely be deaf because if I was blind I wouldn't be able to drag race.

Would You Rather?

Lose an arm or a leg?

A: I would lose my leg on the left because I would still drag race with two arms and one leg.

Would You Rather? Be the richest person or the most attractive person?

A: Most attractive. I would love to have a girl to be with. I don't think rich brings you happiness except the first couple of days when you buy whatever you want.



Would You Rather?

**By Kayla Sapp
Photographer**

Olivia Brown

Would You Rather? Have 50 mosquito bites or one dog bite?

A: I would rather get one dog bite. It's so less painful, and dog bites don't itch like the bites from the mosquitoes. I've been bitten, and it wouldn't be so bad.

Would You Rather? Have X-ray vision or bionic hearing?

A: I would rather have X-ray vision. It would be fun to see things going on behind a wall or in another class. Bionic hearing would be a problem for me if I heard something that was mean.

Would You Rather? Laugh constantly or cry constantly?

A: Laughing constantly would be cool. I would rather always be laughing and smiling than be crying. Being depressed and crying just isn't for me.

Would You Rather? Watch sports or play sports?

A: Play sports! I love playing soccer! I get very competitive. I don't like to sit and watch, especially when we're losing.

Would You Rather? Have the ability to fly or be invisible?

A: Being able to fly would be sweet! I wouldn't have to ride the bus home when my friend Taylor Morris doesn't drive me. I could go anywhere for free! That would be so awesome.



Caleb Greene

Would You Rather? Be born with an elephant's trunk or a giraffe's neck?

A: Giraffe's neck. I'm not sure why.

Would You Rather? Be trapped on an island by yourself or with your worst enemy?

A: With my enemy. That way I'd have some company. I hate quiet!

Would You Rather? Be able to only whisper or to only shout?

A: Only shout. I'm more of a loud person.

Would You Rather? Drink a gallon of ketchup or a gallon of mustard?

A: I'm going with ketchup. Mustard is pretty nasty.

Andrew Christman

Would You Rather? Do the Macarena in front of everybody on a table or dress up as a chicken and dance like a freak in front of everybody?

A: Macarena because I've already done a lot of embarrassing dancing.

Would You Rather? Always take a cold shower or sleep an hour less than you need to be fully rested?

A: Take a cold shower because I don't get cold.

Would You Rather? Be the most popular or the smartest person you know?

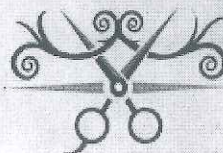
A: Smartest, because popularity doesn't help in real life.



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Ashley Rawls

Would You Rather? Not be able to sleep for two weeks or not be able to eat for a month?

A: Not eat. I would drink protein shakes to keep up my health.

Would You Rather? Have winter or summer forever?

A: Summer, because I hate cold weather.

Would You Rather? Eat only sweet things for the rest of your life, or salty things?

A: Salty because there is a wider variety of salty foods to choose from.

Would You Rather? Have a beautiful house and an ugly car or an ugly house and a beautiful car?

A: Beautiful house and ugly car because if my ride was really that atrocious, I would just run everywhere.

Would You Rather? Have 500 tarantulas crawling around in your house or 1,000 crickets jumping around in your room?

A: 1,000 crickets in my room because I would close my door and sleep on the couch or in the tub for the rest of my life.

Megan Buckner

Would You Rather? Be three feet tall or eight feet tall?

A: Be three feet tall.

Would You Rather? Be forgotten or hatefully remembered?

A: Be forgotten.

Would You Rather? Be gossiped about or never talked about?

A: Never talked about.

Would You Rather? Find true love or 10 million dollars?

A: True love.

Would You Rather? Kiss a jellyfish or step on a crab?

A: Kiss a jellyfish.



Some Internships Offer Unique Experiences

By Kelsey Logan
Photographer

When people hear the word "internship," many will think of going to an elementary school or to a doctor's office to job shadow. But there may be more to an internship than meets the eye.

Mr. Richard Williams has been internship director since the program started in the 1980s under the name "Cadet Teaching Program." "Since then, many schools from around this area have modeled their intern programs after Delta's because it's been so successful," Williams said.

This program has allowed seniors to work with mentors at various businesses in East Central Indiana.

Some internships are more interesting than others. "Sometimes we have unusual requests that we cannot fill," Williams said of people's intern wishes.

However, most requests are worked out.

A few of the unique internships that stand out the most are Happy Clean and Smart (dog grooming) in 2008, Bad Boys Bail Bonds, the Delaware County Courthouse, and a detective agency in 2007, and Muncie Imports and Classics in 2005.

Williams said that a couple of years ago there was a student who interned at the Muncie Airport and even got to fly around on a plane daily. "He would come back and tell me where all he'd gone that day," he said.

This year, there are three internships that really stick out: the Oncology Department at Ball Memorial Hospital, Tom Leaird's

Underwater Service, and MD's Golf Academy.

Kayleigh West interns at the Oncology Department. West said that she's interning this year because it gives her a half day, and it helps her figure out what she wants to do later in life. "I know I want to go into the medical field, but I haven't decided where yet," she said.

While interning, she follows a nurse and talks to cancer patients, which is her favorite part. West can also do anything that a volunteer can do.

Olivia Garringer interns at Tom Leaird's Underwater Service in Muncie. Garringer interns because it helps her to get ready for her future career in the underwater diving field. When she is interning, she can go diving, fill oxygen tanks or work at the store. Garringer said that diving is the best part about this internship.

Blake Wuthrich interns at MD's Golf Academy. "I thought it'd be a lot of fun and get me away from school," he said.

While interning, he does whatever the owner wants him to do. Wuthrich said that a job in this field is a possibility.

Williams said the internship program is a great experience. "You get very in-depth experiences with internships usually," he said, noting it's an excellent way to learn about the actual job that you might be pursuing.

"It saves people time, money and college," Williams said of the program. "Internships teach you a lot more, and you don't even realize it."

So the next time that you hear someone talk about their internship, or you may be thinking of having one, don't just limit yourself to the basic jobs. There's more to internships than meets the eye.

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De'chiquetage

Director Has Movie Playing in His Head

By Alex Sprong
Staff Writer

De'chiquetage. It is French for taking a piece of paper, ripping it into small pieces, and throwing them up in the air to watch them trickle down in their various shapes. This is Mr. Richard Williams's favorite French word.

Mr. Williams speaks fluent French. When he attended college he took an academic year to spend in Paris, studying their culture and language at La Sorbonne University of Paris.

He returned to get his bachelor's degree in social studies and English and with a minor in the French language at Ball State. But his true passion is the arts.

"It's necessary to have a good balance in life," Williams said.

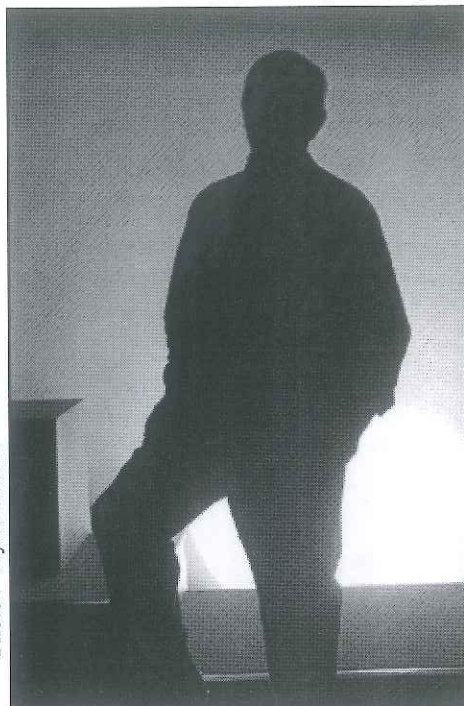
Mr. Williams is involved in all aspects of the arts. His specialty is Architectural and Landscape Design, which comes very handy to being a director.

He studied piano, he writes, and he teaches at Delta High School. "I've been here since the building has been built." He teaches Composition, English and geography as well as oversees the internship program in which seniors study two periods per day with local mentors. Also, he is the director for the Delta Troupers theatre productions. "Theatre is the most alive form of art; it connects immediately with the audience, and being a director I can tap into my other interest as well," he said.

Mr. Williams prefers directing to acting himself.

"It's a better fit for me," he said.

Mr. Williams loves teaching theatre. He enjoys seeing the



Silhouette lights on the auditorium stage shine on Mr. Richard Williams, veteran theater director.

students learn about themselves and bring characters to life.

Senior advanced theatre student Kyrre Clevenger said, "Mr. Williams is probably the most interesting person I have ever met."

He directs three plays a year with the Delta Troupers as well as oversees an annual talent show for homecoming called "Air Jam".

The way he directs is similar to how he designed landscapes. He sees everything that needs to be done and what it's supposed to look like. "I always have a movie playing in my head." When Mr. Williams is not teaching, he enjoys staying up late and using the quiet time to write his book.

Leo's Book is about his Dalmatian he lived with for eight years. In the book, Leo sees human values from his point of view. He

would love to one day share *Leo's Book* with everyone and see it is published.

For the last few years, Mr. Williams has had two interesting plays in progress floating around in his subconscious.

One is a comedy, a futuristic setting in a cemetery. In place of headstones are monitors in which the dead have been recorded and remembered. The dead have learned to communicate with each other and the living as well. When a young couple dies in an automobile accident, they can talk to each other through the monitors ... but never be together.

A more light-hearted play is of a group of homeless people living in a suburb of unused dumpsters. They

festively decorate the garbage homes during holidays and have parties.

One homeless man writes to his family of his great success ... however, when they come to visit, what they find is quite contradictory. When Mr. Williams retires, he plans to write.

De'chiquetage. Mr. Williams sometimes compares this word to life. It can be torn and ruined, or it can be very creative. When Mr. Williams tears up a piece of paper into tiny pieces, he sees bright colors and interesting shapes floating all around him.

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Chapter 2: A Big Surprise

**By Christi Dalton
Editor**

I was flying through the sky, as free as a bird. I felt like nobody could ever touch me. Flying into a white, cloudy area, I felt a stabbing pain go straight through my chest.

This was a horrific feeling; I could barely breathe. My white, cloudy area turned into a nightmarish place. It got darker and darker, and I found myself in the underworld.

I was screaming and wanting to go home. My face felt like it was melting.

Waking up slowly, I felt like somebody was touching me, and then a sharp pain went across my wrist. I woke up to see a man in a black mask.

He seemed very familiar, but I could not think of who he was. He said something to me, but it was just a blur of sounds to me.

His hand was wrapped

around my wrist. He was hurting me. Blood ran down my hand. I tried to fight back, but the more I fought, the more he would attack.

Grabbing his hair helped me break free and feel slightly safe once again. I knew that I had to escape.

Running out the door towards the forest was the best idea. Whoever he was, he got back up and went after me again.

I ran into an oversized bush, deep into the forest. His footsteps were getting closer. Time seemed to have slowed down.

A loud BOOM was in the air. I could feel myself wanting to scream. But not a single sound or word could be let out.

Everything went quiet, and not a sound was made. You could hear a tree fall a six miles away.

He was looking for me. I didn't know who he was or why he wanted me. Before it hit me, he was right in front of me.

This short fiction story will be presented in several chapters throughout the school year.

I would not let out a single breath. Petrified, not able to move a single thing, I was so afraid that he would find me. I moved farther into the brush, so he couldn't see me.

But as I moved back, a stick snapped, and before I knew it, it was the end. He fell down to the ground and found me.

I tried to get away, but I could not move. I knew this was the end of me.

BOOM...

I was in agonizing pain, and I felt him carrying me somewhere. I was disappearing into the darkness. Then I began to feel numb.

I could feel whatever pain there was disappearing. As soon as it was gone, so was I. Never to be heard of or seen again.

(To be continued next issue)

Facebook Addiction or Not

**Story and Photos
By Stacie Sanders
Photographer**

Some may be addicted, but for others Facebook isn't an issue.

Freshman Kenzi Roe says she has almost 900 friends on Facebook. She says, "When I'm not grounded, I'm usually on the whole time until I go to bed except I get off for things like dinner, shower, homework, and practices for basketball."

Users can play games, like Farmville, on Facebook also in their free time. On Farmville users can see what it's like to have their own farm with animals and grow their own crops.

"Honestly, I hate the games on Facebook and I don't like getting the requests to join Mafia's or to feed chickens on Farmville," Roe says.

Almost one-fifth of users are

now accessing the site through their mobile phones. They do this by activating it from Facebook. They will get a text message every time they get notifications. So when users are away from their computers they can always access Facebook on their phones.



Kenzi Roe

Some people are against Facebook mostly because they think it's a waste of their time to read some of the dumb comments and status updates people post to get attention.

Junior Bond St. John does not have a Facebook account. He

says, "I believe in actual communication." St. John says he will never consider getting one. "Never. You couldn't even pay me," he says. Bond's younger brother, Alec, has a



Aubrey Smith

Facebook and is always on it, according to Bond. Bond says he is just glad that he is not wasting that much time on one site.

Senior Aubrey Smith also does not have a Facebook account, but she says she might consider getting one later on in life. "I might get one in college to keep in touch with my high school friends, but that doesn't replace meeting with them face to face to catch up and share good times," she says. Smith says she sometimes wishes she had one to keep in touch with friends. She says, "Sometimes I wish I could acquire some of my friends' photos we take on their camera that they upload or

keep in touch with friends I meet through vacations or other events."

As a new decade begins, it seems that the world's Facebook addiction isn't going to stop growing any time soon.

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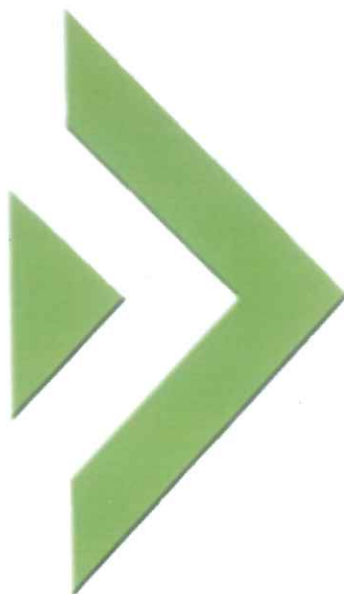


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